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## Date set for van der Sloot murder trial

LIMA -- Admitted killer Joran van der Sloot finally has a trial date in Peru. Media there say the trial has been set for January 5 on charges he killed and robbed 21 year old student Stephany Flores.

The Dutchman confessed to Peruvian investigators he killed Flores in a heated argument after she found material about Natalee Holloway on his laptop. Natalee is the Mountain Brook teen who vanished on a graduation trip to Aruba in 2005. She was last seen with van der Sloot who, although questioned repeatedly by Aruban authorities, was never charged in her disappearance.

In one of many bizarre twists in the tangled cases, Flores' corpse was found in van der Sloot's Lima hotel room five years to the day of Natalee's disappearance.

Van der Sloot's defense attorney Luis Jimenez Navarro said this was a big win for his client. If Van der Sloot is found guilty and sentenced to the maximum penalty, under Peru's jail reduction credits, he may only serve a third of the time.

The Flores family remains hopeful this will not be the case. An attorney for the family said under the Peruvian justice system the charges could change once the trial begins.

## Incident with new RECIP Phase III under investigation

ORANJESTAD -- On Wednesday, just before midnight, an incident took place at Aruba's water and electricity company, WEB N.V., which caused some damage at one of the engines of the new RECIP III plant. An investigation is underway to determine exactly

what happened, not only by the representative expert of Wärtsilä - the manufacturer of the engine - but also by independent consultant.

WEB Aruba N.V.'s insurance company was also advised and they are also conducting an investigation.

## Air Space Management gets unanimous Parliamentary approval

Yesterday, during a public Parliament meeting, all members of Parliament unanimously approved the government's management with respect to the government's handling of the negotiations related to the protection of Aruba's interests in the Curacao Flight Information region.

Minister Oduber emphasized that Aruba does not want to share the traffic air space that Curacao is managing in name of the Dutch Kingdom. What Aruba wants is a representation in accordance with her own interests in the company that would be created to manage the air space.

Aruba wants a guaranteed participation in our air traffic's efficiency and for the benefit of our economy. Fact is, Aruba has many more flights and heavy aircrafts than Curacao.

Minister Oduber expressed repugnance for the manner in which certain civil servants in Curacao and in the Netherlands prepared an IATA report without ever consulting Aruba. The Minister sent a letter off to the Netherlands to denounce this action, and he considers the report to not have been written. In his letter to the Dutch Secretary of State, Oduber pointed out that there is an RTC agreement which was ratified several years ago with respect to the management of our air space.

One of the reasons for the Minister's disgust with the current air space management, is the manner in which Curacao handles the situation. Curacao levies all sorts of tariffs and even imposes increases without ever consulting with Aruba. Recently, the Minister was informed by Aruba's Airport management that the tariff for "overflight" was increased without talking to Aruba concerning this. Hence, it appears that Aruba



has nothing to say, even though about 50% of all aircrafts being handled by Curacao are from Aruba. Aruba has no knowledge of what the income is and what is being done with it. This is why, said Oduber, we want the company that will be created to ensure that Aruba has participation in accordance with our interests.

Parliament presented a motion which received unanimous support from Parliament for the government's management of air space.

The motion presented included a plea for the government, via the Minister of Tourism, Transport and Labor, to not meddle with

what Aruba achieved with the Apart Status. Instead, to give more substance to this. They also requested that no recognition should be given to the IATA report or to simply denounce that report or any report on the matter of air space in which Aruba was not consulted.

A final observation in the motion was an appeal to the Minister to make funds available for the purchase of an "approach radar" for Aruba.

Oduber ensured Parliament that he will send the Parliamentary motion to his colleagues in Curacao and Holland to demonstrate to them the position of Aruba on this matter.







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## Aruba Chamber of Commerce alerts business owners

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This is especially relevant to those businesses that have cancelled their activities during the year or in the past years, and for those who intend to discontinue their business operations.

If a business owner cancels a sole proprietorship or VOF before January 1, 2012, there will be no yearly contribution obligation for 2012. But, once the New Year has commenced, the Chamber is obliged by law to collect the yearly contribution for the ensuing year for all businesses that are registered with the Chamber. So, to avoid unnecessary expenses it is advisable to pay contributions before the end of the year.

### Cancellation of a business operation:

Everyone is reminded that to cancel a business operation, the following requirements must be met:

1. Sole proprietorship, VOF: when this business is cancelled it means that the Chamber cancels all of its operations and no other commitments of any sort remain.

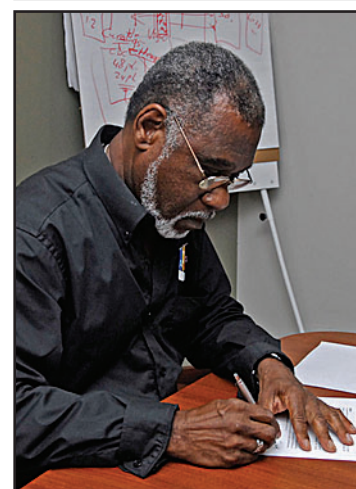
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3. In the event the judicial person mentioned under section 2 above, wishes to terminate his registration completely, they will have to eliminate the judicial person through the dissolution of the person. This must also be effected in keeping with the statutes of the company. More information on this can be obtained at the Chamber of Commerce.

**Necessary Documents:**  
To cancel a business operation, this must be done by an authorized person such as the owner, a director or someone legally empowered to do so. This must also be done in person or download the corresponding document #13 of the website <http://www.aruba.chamber.com/forms>.

**Payment:**  
All payment can be made at the Chamber, via a bank transfer order, via swipe with an ATM card, check or cash.

## Government signals a new strategy for the care of Aruba's addicts



### It's the season to be jolly!

## SETAR Cable Services offers Holiday Season tunes on music channels

ORANJESTAD -- SETAR Cable Services together with Digital Latin America (DLA) recently announced that as of November 25, 2011 from 1 a.m. up to January 9, 2012,

midnight, one can tune in to listen to Holiday Season songs. The following DMX music channels featuring the Christmas Season songs will be 434, 440 and 448.



Channel 434 – Italian Hits will switch to 'Holiday Favorites'

Channel 440 – Lite Classical will switch to 'Viva la Navidad'

Channel 448 – Soft Piano will switch to 'Instrumental Holiday'

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For more information please visit their website: [www.setar.aw](http://www.setar.aw) or call 525-1700.

The Aruba government has taken still another step with respect to our addicts by establishing a solid future for the care of all addicts on the island. Minister of Public Health and representatives of FMAA and FADA this week signed a "framework agreement" for the independent care of our addicts.

FMAA, Fundacion pa Maneho di Adiccion di Aruba and FADA, Fundacion Anti Droga Aruba are represented by Rosita Ottespeer and Carlos Albertus respectively.

The recently signed agreement will become effective as of January 1st, 2012, and is a giant step in the process of improving the care of addicts. In the agreement, the government has defined the areas of management and the objectives of

the foundations.

The Minister remarked that the care of addicts is an important element in the care and health of many families on Aruba who have been and are being affected by the affliction of drug addiction. The Minister is convinced that treatment of addicts in cooperation with the support of Holland is of great importance. He also remarked that it is pleasant to note that the community is being made much more aware of the phenomenon of drug addiction on Aruba.

The government expressed satisfaction and praise for the involvement of the various foundations working in this field, and wishes them much success in this new and better defined procedure.

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## Aruba Central Bank: Consumer credit increased in September 2011

ORANJESTAD -- The Centrale Bank van Aruba (CBA) concludes in its Monthly Bulletin of September 2011 that consumer credit increased by Afl. 8.1 million (+1.5 percent) in September 2011 compared to the previous month. This growth is, for the most part, attributed to more aggressive lending campaigns, in particular for car loans, during the period under review. While consumer credit is at its highest level for this year, it still remains below that of September 2010, indicating that Aruba is still on the path to recovery. The upturn in consumer credit caused a rise in claims on the private sector (+Afl. 4.6 million), which, together with

growing claims on the public sector (+Afl. 18.1 million), and a decrease in other domestic factors (-Afl. 4.6 million) resulted in an expansion of Afl 18.0 million in the net domestic assets. On the other hand, net foreign assets (excluding revaluation differences of gold and foreign exchange holdings) declined by Afl. 18.8 million (-1.5 percent) to Afl. 1,238.1 million, which is still within an acceptable range. As a result, money supply contracted by Afl. 0.8 million to Afl. 3,217.4 million.

During September 2011, the number of stay-over visitors grew by 9.3 percent or



5,460 visitors compared to September 2010, attributed mainly to the Latin American market (+5,749 visitors or +36.3 percent), with Venezuela dominating in this market segment (+40.5 percent). In contrast, cruise tourism fell to

4,652 passengers, a 37.8 percent decline when compared to the same period of 2010.

The consumer price index (CPI) for October 2011 registered a 6.5 percent hike compared to the same month of 2010, related largely to higher utility and gasoline prices. The energy and food components of the CPI contributed with 5.0 percentage points to this acceleration. The 12-month average inflation rate reached 3.2 percent in October 2011.

In September 2011, tax revenue dropped by Afl. 6.8 mil-

lion (-9.5 percent) when compared to the same month of 2010. Decreases were recorded in the receipts from taxes on income and profit (-Afl. 2.7 million), foreign exchange tax (-Afl. 1.0 million), taxes on property (-Afl. 1.6 million), and taxes on services (-Afl. 3.1 million). The latter is, however, associated with the introduction of the tourist levy following the new sui generis status of the Aruba Tourism Authority. The fall in tax revenue was partly mitigated by an increase in the receipts from taxes on commodities, where import duties rose by Afl. 1.8 million, along with an Afl. 0.7 million rise in the turnover tax (B.B.O.).

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The intent of the conference was for women to discover their purpose in life and acknowledge their special talents and gifts in accordance with their unique design, and to discover their value in the sight of God. Such assurance will bring inner peace, which makes one enjoy her own beauty and makes her take better care of her health and wellbeing, to manifest the virtuous woman she is meant to be.

There were also different workshops covering hair care, nail care, make-up, fashion and esthetics, presented by beauty industry representatives, as well as health with Dr. Romeo Kock and Michael Quandt.

During these workshops, they taught the participants how to take care of their own body, health and wellbeing and gave tips on enhancing beauty and appearance.

We are so grateful to the more than 250 women who attended the conference.



## Revised visa procedure benefits Aruba

ORANJESTAD -- During his recent visit to Colombia, the Prime Minister of Aruba met with the Dutch Embassy there. The primary focus of this meeting was to address the issue of visas for Colombians traveling to Aruba. The Prime Minister wanted to do an analysis of the change in the visa requirement introduced last year.

The change in the visa requirement is that Colombians who have obtained a visa to travel to the USA, whether they have or have not used that

visa will no longer need a visa to travel to Aruba. The requirement was that the person had to have used the US visa in order to be eligible for the exemption of a visa to travel to Aruba. That requirement has been changed so that now whether the visa for the US has been used or not, the person receives the exemption of a visa to travel to Aruba.

Immediately upon the introduction of the visa requirement described above, the flow of Colombians traveling to Aruba increased considerably. Hence, the flexibility in the visa requirement greatly benefits Aruba's tourism from Colombia.

The Aruba DIMAS has clearly defined rules with respect to those traveling to Aruba especially to visit family. This department works in

close cooperation with the Department of External Affairs and with the Dutch Embassy in Colombia. Every effort is made to ensure that those coming to Aruba from Colombia have no intention of remaining here in search of employment.

The analysis made after one year of the change in the visa requirement results in being very positive for Aruba. Aruba will now do an analysis to determine how many of these persons who came to Aruba with said visa have remained here beyond their allowed time period. The government will have to come up with some measure to avoid that phenomenon... Colombians coming to the island as visitors and not returning after the allotted time.

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## Aruba judge orders release of suspect in Gardner's death

--A judge in Aruba yesterday rejected a prosecution request to hold U.S. citizen Gary Giordano for 30 additional days in connection with the disappearance of his traveling companion, Robyn Gardner, his attorney said.

The decision means Giordano, who has been in Aruban custody since Aug. 5, could be freed on Tuesday evening, Giordano's attorney, Chris Lejuez, said.

Prosecutors immediately filed an appeal seeking to reverse the ruling and prevent Giordano from leaving jail, Taco Stein, Aruba's solicitor general, said. A three-judge appeals panel will consider the matter.

Giordano "couldn't believe" the decision because he had lost faith and confidence in the Aruban criminal justice systems, Lejuez said.

The judge's ruling does not require Giordano to remain on Aruba; Lejuez said he believes Giordano would leave as soon as he is freed.

The request was denied based on what the judge called a lack of progress in the investigation into the August 2 disappearance of Gardner, said Stein.

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## US bargain-hunting turns violent on Black Friday

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Shootings, fights and a pepper spray attack marred the Black Friday stampede of bargain hunters that traditionally kicks off the US holiday shopping season after the Thanksgiving holiday.

In the most sensational incident, a woman pepper-sprayed other shoppers at a Los Angeles area Wal-Mart store to beat out fierce competition for sought-after electronics merchandise during a "doorbuster" sale.

The woman, an unidentified Hispanic in her 30s, was "trying to get advantage over the items being sold on sale," when she turned a can of mace on the other customers, Los Angeles Police Department Sergeant J. Valle said. At least 10 customers, including children, were injured during the incident at a Wal-Mart store in the Porter Ranch neighborhood and had filed police complaints.

A fire department spokesman told the Los Angeles Times that 20 people were treated for injuries from the incident, many complaining of burning in their throats and skin and eye irritations.

"People started screaming, pulling and pushing each other, and then the whole area filled up with pepper spray," Alejandra Seminario told the Times.

The woman slipped out of the store before police arrived, and authorities were still trying to identify her, Valle said.

"It was chaotic, just crowded and we're trying to see whether this person was on the (surveillance) video or whether she made any purchases," he said. The woman would face felony battery charges, with jail time and fines, if she's caught.

In another Black Friday



Target employee Mark McAllister (R) holds the front door open as "Black Friday" shoppers run to enter the store at the midnight opening of the company's Northgate store in Seattle, Washington. Photo below shows the Black Friday madness.



incident, a shopper was in "critical but stable" condition after would-be robbers shot him in the parking lot of a Wal-Mart in San Leandro, California, police Sergeant Mike Sobek told AFP. The man and his shopping companions were approached by "several" assailants after 1:00 am as they walked to their car.

One suspect was arrested but it was unclear whether he was the shooter, and the gun was not recovered.

A pair of attackers shot a 55-year-old woman in the foot at a parking lot near a Wal-Mart in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, during another apparent robbery attempt.

The attackers were driven

off by one of the woman's companions, who fired shots from her own gun.

Police also were looking for at least two suspects who unleashed chaos after firing shots at a Fayetteville, North Carolina mall, The Fayetteville Observer reported.

And in Kissimmee, Florida, the Orlando Sentinel said a man was arrested after taking a swing at police officers as they wrestled him to the ground to stop a fight at a Wal-Mart jewelry counter.

A brawl also broke out in the electronics department of a Wal-Mart in Rome, New York, shortly after midnight, WSYR television reported. Two people were taken to hospital.

## Mexican lawyers accuse president, drug lords at ICC

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - Mexican rights lawyers accused President Felipe Calderon, top officials and drug lords of crimes against humanity and war crimes yesterday in a complaint at the International Criminal Court in the Hague.

Signed by more than 20,000 people, the file accused Calderon and military commanders of failing to prevent hundreds of rights violations by Mexican troops, including torture and extrajudicial killings, under a government crackdown on organized crime.

It also said officials and drug gang leaders had refused to follow the basic protocols of armed conflicts and had conducted a "systematic attack on the civilian population."

Mexico's drug violence has left some 45,000 dead since the start of the military crack-

down, involving tens of thousands of troops, in 2006 -- including the gruesome dumping of almost 50 bodies in western areas this week alone.

"Our immediate objective is to ensure that the prosecutor of the ICC is monitoring the situation in Mexico," lawyer Net-zai Sandoval, who led the campaign, told AFP.

"If we achieve that, the Mexican government must demonstrate that it is really willing to try and punish those responsible for the humanitarian crisis in Mexico."

The Mexican government denied the accusations last month, when the bid was made public. A spokeswoman for the court's chief prosecutor Luis Moreno-Ocampo confirmed that a complaint from Mexican human rights groups was submitted yesterday.

## US seizes domain names in counterfeit crackdown

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US authorities have shut down a number of websites in the latest crackdown on online trafficking in counterfeit goods.

Torrent Freak, a website about the popular BitTorrent file-sharing protocol, said yesterday that more than 130 domain names had been seized in an operation it described as the largest yet.

US Immigration and Customs Enforcement spokeswoman Gillian Christensen

declined to specify the number of domain names seized but told AFP "these seizures are a part of an ongoing law enforcement operation. No further details are available at this time."

Torrent Freak published a list of 131 domain names which it said had been seized in the past 24 hours.

They included sites with names such as reeboksite.com, shopsbag.com, verycheapjerseys.com and officialpumashop.com.



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## US fears Dutch research could be biological weapon

ROTTERDAM -- The US has expressed deep concern about a deadly variant of the avian influenza virus 'created' by a Dutch professor and has delayed publication of his findings pending an investigation. Experts fear terrorists could get their hands on the information and use it as a biological weapon, it was reported yesterday.

In a twist of irony, the research was commissioned by US medical research agency NIH. The institute asked Ron Fouchier - professor of molecular virology at Rotterdam's Erasmus teaching hospital - to investigate whether the bird flu virus H5N1 could lead to a pandemic.

Many scientists reacted with scepticism to the research, which was carried out amid high security. Fouchier showed that with a small number of mutations in the virus DNA, he was able to change it into an extremely infectious variant.

Avian flu is rarely transferred from animal to human, but, when it happens, the result is usually fatal. By deliberately modifying the virus' genes, Dr Fouchier was able to induce H5N1 transmission between ferrets, which are commonly used to study flu transmission between humans because of similar immune systems.

The Dutch professor submitted an article based on his research to the US scientific journal Science. The magazine contacted the US advisory board for bioterrorism looking for approval before publication. The National Science Advisory Board for Biosecurity is looking into whether the altered virus could have global consequences should it be released 'into the wild'.

According to sources Dr Fouchier is unwilling to comment until the results of the investigation are made known. The decision to postpone and possibly prohibit his article has sparked off a huge debate on scientific freedom among researchers.

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## Brazilian MP wants Colombia's rebels labeled 'terrorists'

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - A social democratic lawmaker said he planned to ask the Brazilian Congress to brand Colombia's leftist FARC rebels as "terrorists" ahead of the 2014 World Cup and 2016 summer Olympics.

Otavio Leite, of the Brazilian Social Democracy Party (PSDB), said his bill would

make it possible to classify the "type of danger this group represents for Brazilians."

Manuel Martinez, a PSDB spokesman said Leite would submit his bill in Brasilia Monday and "will ask for prompt examination."

The Brazilian government does not officially view FARC as a terrorist group.

"Ahead of imminent major sporting events such as the World Cup and the Olympic Games (which it will host), Brazil is beset by organized crime which obtains its goods from several localized groups which have been identified in the border areas," Leite said.

He specifically expressed concern about "constant FARC

incursions in the country, its dispatch of drugs to Rio narco-traffickers and its enslavement of Brazilian Indians."

In his statement, he said his bill was crucial to enable Brazil to finalize ongoing investments in land, sea and air defense projects.

Leite said this would also reduce the chances that FARC

could mount hostile actions during the 2014 World Cup and the 2016 Summer Olympic Games.

The FARC (Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia), believed to have 8,000 members, has been at war with the Colombian government since 1964.





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## Health & Living

# Britons to take part in Cuban lung cancer vaccine trial



LONDON (AFP)- British patients will soon take part in a trial of a Cuban-designed therapeutic lung cancer vaccine, the first of its kind, a company executive

announced.

"A new clinical study of the therapeutic lung cancer vaccine (called Cimavaz-EFG)" will begin "in a matter of days with a group of pa-

tients in the United Kingdom," said Erik D'Hondt, scientific director for the Malaysian drug company Bioven, who is in charge of European distribution of the drug.

D'Hondt did not say how many patients were taking part in the study.

The vaccine was developed by scientists at the Molecular Immunological Center (CIM) in Havana.

Its tests in Cuba found promising results in more than 1,000 patients.

CIM researcher Zoraida Acosta said scientists are encouraged because the drug has shown benefits in terms of extending life span and improving quality of life even in late-stage lung cancer patient.

They say their goal is for the cancer to become an illness that does not progress even if it cannot be cured. The vaccine's potential also is being looked at for treatment of uterine, breast and prostate cancers, Cuban officials said.

# Heavyweight baby boy born in Berlin



Mother Elfi holds her son "Jihad" at Charité Campus Virchow Klinikum (CVK) hospital in Berlin.

BERLIN (AFP) - A hospital in Berlin announced Friday the birth of a super-size baby boy, weighing in at six kilograms (13.2 pounds), whose 40-year-old experienced mother had a natural birth for her 14th child.

"According to our research, there has never been a child of such heavy weight born without a (caesarean) operation in Germany," said Dr Wolfgang Henrich, head of the neo-natal unit at the

hospital, in a statement.

The mother, identified only as Elfi Y., is herself obese, tipping the scales at 240 kilograms, the hospital said, adding that she had gestational diabetes but still did not give up sweets.

Her new baby named Jihad will join nine brothers and four sisters, three of whom weighed more than five kilograms at birth.

Newborns weigh on average 3.5 kilograms.

## S.Africa offers lucky draw for voluntary HIV tests



CAPE TOWN (AFP) - A South African province on Friday announced it will offer a 50,000 rand (\$5,900, 4,400 euros) prize in a lucky draw to encourage people to test for HIV in the world's biggest AIDS population.

"Persuasion has not worked. We would rather use incentives than coercive methods to ensure that all adults regularly test their HIV status," said Western Cape premier Helen Zille, the Sapa news agency reported.

People who tested for HIV at the testing sites in the

province will be entered into the lucky draw in a campaign marking a 16-day anti-violence campaign for women and children.

South Africa has poured money into its AIDS campaigns, rolling out a massive testing drive and scaling up the world's largest AIDS treatment programme after years of refusing life-saving drugs.

Last year, just over one million people tested voluntarily in the Western Cape, the country's only opposition-run province, and 103,000 were on anti-AIDS treatment by the end of October.

Latest UNAIDS report released on Monday estimates South Africa has the world's largest HIV population of 5.6 million people.

Ramped up investments in fighting the disease had seen infections drop by 22 percent between 2001 and 2009 and deaths by 21 percent between 2001 and last year, the report said.



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## Sci-Tech

# Australia plans world's largest marine reserve

SYDNEY (AFP) - The Australian government has said it plans to establish the world's biggest marine protection zone to safeguard a huge swathe of the Coral Sea, a biodiversity hotspot brimming with life.

The proposed Coral Sea Commonwealth Marine Reserve off the northeast coast of Australia would cover about 990,000 square kilometres (380,000 square miles) -- an area more than one-and-a-half times the size of France.

"Australia's vast oceans provide a source of food and

resources and are a place of recreation. But we cannot afford to be complacent," Environment Minister Tony Burke said.

Under the plan, oil and gas exploration would be banned and new limits would be imposed on fishing.

The environmental significance of the Coral Sea within Australia's Exclusive Economic Zone lies in its diverse array of coral reefs, sandy cays and deep-sea plains and canyons, Burke said.

"There is no other part of

Australia's territory where so much comes together -- pristine oceans, magnificent coral, a military history which has helped define us and now a clear proposal for permanent protection," he said.

A recent study found that the Coral Sea, which stretches from the Great Barrier Reef to the waters of the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and New Caledonia, was home to many unique and endangered species.

It is also one of the last remaining places on the planet brimming with large predatory fish such as sharks and tuna.

Burke said the side of the reserve closest to Australia's coast had taken into account recreational and charter fishing, and the proposed reserve was remote, with the nearest point 60 kilometres from the shore.

Environmental groups, which have pushed for the Coral Sea to be safeguarded, said the proposal was a good start but fell short of fully protecting the area's fragile coral reefs and spectacular marine life.

"We welcome the exclusion of oil and gas extraction and the ban on fishing gear that destroys seafloor habitats," said Imogen Zethoven of the Pew Environment Group.

"However, protection levels need to be stronger, particularly in vulnerable areas, to ensure the Coral Sea's long-term protection."

James Cook University Professor Terry Hughes said it was a welcome step towards protecting "one of the last remaining wild places in the sea" but that under the proposal, fishing would be banned in only 51 percent of the park.

The government will hold a three-month consultation period before making a final decision.

# No further contact with stranded Mars probe: ESA

PARIS (AFP) - The European Space Agency (ESA) said on Friday it had been unable to establish a new link with Russia's stricken Mars probe but added that the craft's orbit seemed to have become more stable.

ESA's tracking station in Perth, Western Australia monitored the airwaves for eight hours from 2012 GMT on Thursday until 0404 GMT Friday but did not pick up any fresh signals from Phobos-Grunt, the agency said in a press release.

There were four brief slots, each lasting no more than eight minutes, when Phobos-Grunt was passing overhead and communication was theoretically possible, it said.

The next chance to listen will be on Monday.

On Tuesday, the Perth tracking station made the first contact with Phobos-Grunt since it got stuck in Earth orbit after launch on November 9.

On Thursday, the Russian space agency said it had received some telemetry data and engineers were working on the information, the Interfax news agency said.

"Our Russian colleagues provided a full set of telecommands for us to send up and Perth station was set to use the same techniques and configu-

rations that worked earlier," said ESA's Wolfgang Hell, in charge of liaising with Russia over Phobos-Grunt.

"But we observed no down-link radio signal from the spacecraft."

Phobos-Grunt is Russia's first interplanetary mission since 1996, when an attempt to send an instrument-laden 6.1-tonne probe to the Red Planet, Mars 96, ended with a failure just after launch.

The five-billion-ruble (\$165-million) scout is designed to travel to the Martian moon of Phobos, scoop up soil and return the sample to Earth by 2014.

But mission control lost radio contact with the 13.5-tonne craft hours after launch, leaving engineers baffled as to where it was.

ESA added, though, that observations from the ground indicated that Phobos-Grunt's orbit had become more stable, which was encouraging.

"This could mean that the spacecraft's attitude, or orientation, is also now stable, which could help in regaining contact because we'd be able to predict where its two antennas are pointing," said Manfred Warhaut at ESA's European Space Operations Centre (ESOC) in Darmstadt, Germany.

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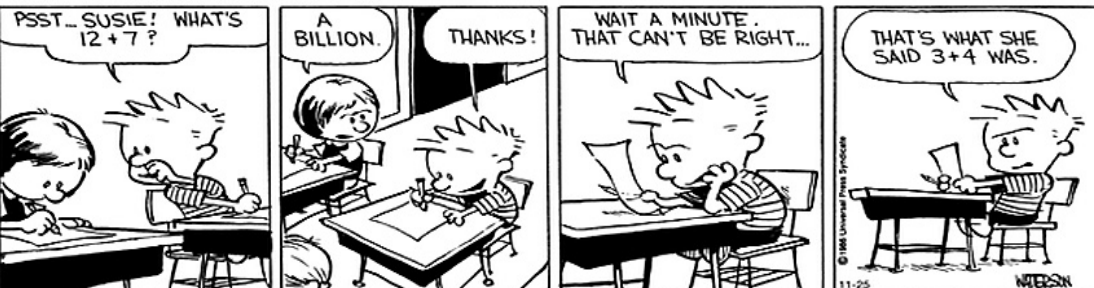
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4. Baseball club
7. "Wha?"
10. Have a birthday or two
11. Messenger of the gods
13. Cheer for Escamillo
14. Go on at length
17. Luau garland
18. Opposite of fast
19. Pantry
21. Tremble
23. Ariel's beau ("The Little Mermaid")
24. Corp. head
25. Outer; prefix
27. First Family

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30. "\_\_\_ right with the world"
32. LBJ pet
34. "Guiding Light," e.g.
35. Diameter parts
37. Canine mother
39. Aves.
40. Finds a sum
42. Actress Rosie
44. Philippine peninsula
46. Process suffix
47. Balkan nation: abbr.
48. Be believable
53. Vardalos of "Greek Wedding"
54. \_\_\_ -B

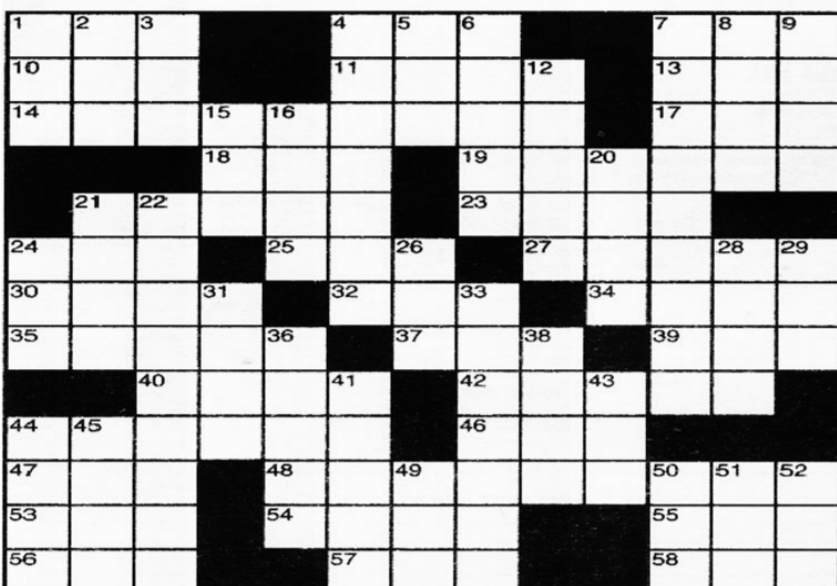
55. Notable period
56. Susan who played Laurie Partridge
57. "Frailty, \_\_\_ name is woman" ("Hamlet")
58. Gauze

## DOWN

1. Booster's word
2. Word before trip or maniac
3. Costa \_\_\_ Sol
4. Industry for the '90s
5. Sked abbr.
6. Heading
7. Clutch
8. Part of an

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- Appomattox signature
9. Mr. Gotrocks's kid, e.g.
12. Flat's opposite
15. Church off.
16. Phony
20. Rivers, in Rivadavia
21. Ward of "The Fugitive"
22. Fend off
24. Jam ingredient
26. Williams or Mack
28. Nobelist in medicine in 1970
29. Madrid dwellers: abbr.
31. Tropical herb genus
33. In nothing flat
36. Where taters grow
38. Pet-shop sound
41. Paddock sound
43. Genetic element: abbr.
44. Alexander's ragtime group
45. "You can't pray \_\_\_" ("Huckleberry Finn")
49. \_\_\_ -di-dah
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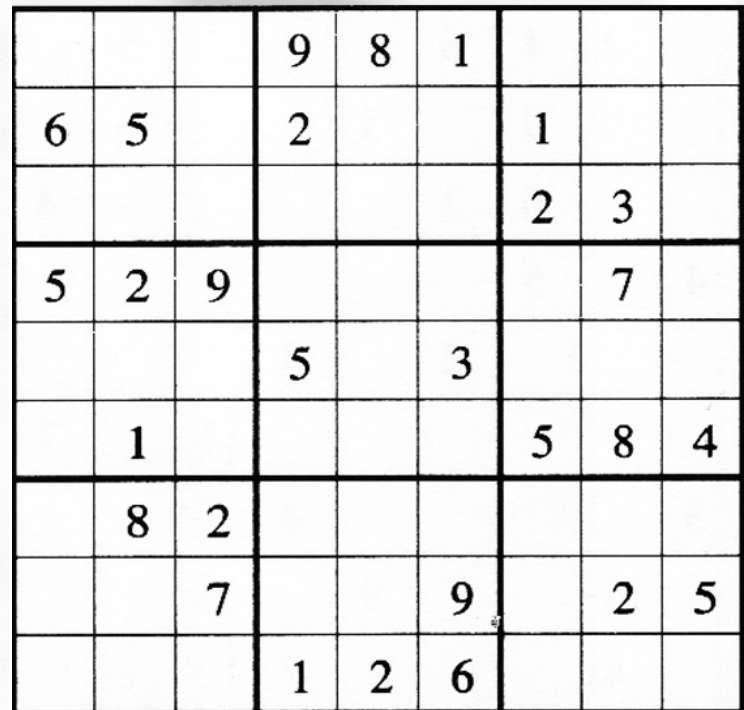
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2	1	6	3	9	5	7	4	8
3	4	9	8	1	7	6	2	5
8	3	7	4	5	9	1	6	2
6	7	1	4	2	8	5	9	3
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## Finance

# EU warning after Italy borrowing rates hit record high

ROME (AFP) - The European Commission yesterday warned Italy's high borrowing costs could hit growth after bond yields surged to new records and France and Germany warned a blow-out on Italian debt could kill the euro.

"If the bond yields continue to be this high for long it will have a negative impact on the financial sector, on the real economy and therefore on economic growth," the EU's Economic Affairs Commissioner Olli Rehn said.

Italy's rates were "worrying," Rehn said. He also emphasised that high borrowing costs were a Europe-wide phenomenon saying: "This is an increasingly systemic phenomenon which calls for stronger financial firewalls."

He added however: "I do not see the euro falling down,

definitely."

Rehn earlier upped the pressure on Prime Minister Mario Monti's new government, calling for "an ambitious timeline" on economic reforms.

"Italy is faced with formidable challenges," Rehn told Italian lawmakers. "It would be essential to give strong signals to citizens and markets with a clear and ambitious roadmap for reform and an ambitious timeline," he said.

In a bond auction, Italy raised 10 billion euros (\$13.2 billion) but was forced to pay a rate of 6.504 percent on six-month bonds and of 7.814 percent on two-year bonds -- dangerous levels that could drive Italy to insolvency.

Italy needs to refinance about 400 billion euros in debt next year and has a debt of 1.9 trillion euros that has set off

alarm bells around the world.

At a summit in Strasbourg on Thursday with German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Nicolas Sarkozy, Monti's press office reported the two leaders had said a debt collapse in Italy would be "the end of the euro."

Merkel and Sarkozy "said they were aware that a collapse of Italy would inevitably be the end of the euro, stalling the process of European integration with unpredictable consequences," it said in a statement yesterday.

Italy's debt emergency has sparked concerns that it could break the eurozone and the Milan stock market plunged sharply after the bond sale, with the main FTSE Mib index plunging before recovering and closing 0.12 percent higher.

## Euro fears push US stocks to 'worst-ever' holiday week

NEW YORK (AFP) - US stock markets ended yesterday awash in yet more red ink, with a seemingly endless stream of bad news from Europe pushing markets to what analysts said was their worst-ever Thanksgiving week.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 25.77 points (0.23 percent) in Friday's holiday-shortened session to end the week at 11,231.78, a loss of

4.8 percent for the week.

"The latest fiscal drama out of Europe tipped the scales in the bears' favor," said Andrea Kramer of Schaeffer's.

The broader S&P 500 and the tech-heavy Nasdaq were also down.

"Today's slide caps off the worst Thanksgiving week ever for stocks as the S&P 500 tumbled 4.7 percent," said analysts at Briefing.com.

The week began badly, with markets tanking Monday on news that Congress failed to reach a deal to cut the country's massive budget deficit and to extend stimulus measures into next year.


On Tuesday, a sharp downward revision to US growth figures to 2.0 percent from 2.5 percent squeezed confidence further.

But it was events on the other side of the Atlantic that set the tone.

On Wednesday, a poor German debt auction fueled fears that Europe's fiscal crisis was spreading to the very core of the continent.

US markets were closed on Thursday to mark the Thanksgiving holiday, but after reopening on Friday, the week-long fall resumed.

A brief morning rally gave way amid news of a poor Italian bond auction that provided the latest twist in Europe's long-running debt crisis.



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Netherlands	EUR	2.3348	2.3562	2.3798
Sweden	SEK	0.2448	0.2520	0.2600
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## Eurozone split over private sector role in debt rescue fund

BRUSSELS (AFP) - The eurozone's northern and southern nations are locking horns over whether the private lenders should automatically participate in bailouts of distressed nations, diplomats said yesterday.

France, Italy and Spain want to remove a clause from the EU's future, permanent rescue fund that would make private sector investors take losses as part of bailouts, the sources said.

"We have always said that we should not add uncertainty in the markets," said a diplomat from one of the countries reluctant to force banks and investment funds to be attached to debt rescues.

The diplomat said that insisting on making the private sector participate in a second Greek bailout at a July summit had increased tension on the markets.

The European Stability Mechanism (ESM) is scheduled to begin operations in 2013, succeeding the temporary 440-billion-euro European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF). The ESM could, however, be activated next year.

Europe's paymaster Germany, backed by Finland and the Netherlands, insists on keeping the clause requiring a private sector role in the ESM, another diplomat said.

The euro area's 17 finance ministers meet in Brussels on Tuesday, when the issue of the ESM could be raised.

Private sector creditors have been forced into accepting a 50 percent loss on their holdings of Greek government bonds, equal to 100 billion euros (\$133 billion), as part of the second bailout for Athens agreed earlier this year.

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Photo by Diane Keijzer

## Timothy and Mary at Linda's Pancake House



Timothy and Mary Howard of Connecticut first day on Aruba is pancakes at their favorite restaurant, Linda's Pancake House in Palm Beach. It is going on twenty one years since they first started making Aruba their home away from home at the Caribbean Palm Village, usually in August. This year they decided to come in November during the Thanksgiving week to celebrate with the people they've met here during the years, and give thanks for that priceless gift of friendship. Photo by Diane Keijzer shows The Howards with Linda's manager, Natalie.

Photo by Diane Keijzer

## Honoring island schools for their efforts in the Coastal Zone Clean-up 2011



An entire school wins a tour of Fantastic gardens and their own plant.



Honoring participating schools

Saturday, November 12, over 2200 volunteers took to Aruba's beaches to remove refuse as part of the 10th Anniversary Coastal Zone Clean-up conducted by the Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association (AHATA) Environmental Committee.

On Thursday afternoon, representatives of the 23 schools that participated, which accounted for 1300 of those who spent their morning returning Aruba's beaches to an immaculate, pristine state, were awarded plaques for organizing their institutions and inspiring young islanders to care about their environment.

The award ceremony took place in the visitors' center of

Arikok National Park, with P/R Manager Jimmy Meijer and Vanessa Rasmussen of the AHATA Environmental Committee presenting the awards, with the assistance of EPI intern Mitchell van der Weide. Those representatives that could be present received handsome plaques of appreciation on behalf of the students and school, while Jimmy and Vanessa expressed their heartfelt gratitude for all those determined volunteers willing to brave a long morning in Aruba's tropical heat to serve their community.

Various sponsors donated raffle prizes; Fantastic Gardens, Arikok Park and Butterfly Farm will welcome the entire student body and faculty of winning schools for tours of their facilities. Maggy's Emporium and Jolly Pirate Sailing Tours donated individual prizes.

Organizers are very pleased with the response by the community, schools and institutions in particular, in recruiting volunteers for this latest policing of the beaches, and wish to thank major sponsor, Tropical Bottling and the 71 other island businesses and vendors who made it possible.

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Many have taken note of this singular location as the place to go for that memorable romantic meal, and their reservation staff reports a waiting list for the rail tables that offer the best unobstructed view, recommending reservations well in advance if this is important to you.

The restaurant is now open from early in the day for refreshments, and is the perfect lunch stop while touring, serving from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM, after which visitors can enjoy a light snack from their Pizza Mini Menu until 6:00 PM when they officially open for dinner, until 11:00 PM.

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## Parents Guide to Skin Protection



It's important to protect your children's skin from the damaging effects of the sun. No matter what they're doing or what time of year it is, if they are outdoors, they need to be protected.

Aruba is one of the places in the world where the sun is the strongest. Located only 12.5 degrees north of the equator, the sun shines with maximum strength and penetrates the atmosphere with a maximum amount of UV rays. What most people don't know on water and sand, which means that even in the shade you need protection.

Protecting the skin from the sun during childhood and adolescence is important in reducing cancer risks later in life. By building safe sun habits into your family's daily routine, you will make your children understand and get used to being protected against the sun and they will become more aware of the harmful effects it can have to their skin. Parents should take the lead by giving the good example; children will respond better when they see their parents protecting their skin as well.

### Important recommendations:

- Wear protective clothing when out in the sun. Choose shirts and slacks made of tightly woven fabrics that you can't see through when held up to light.

- Cover up with Hats. Choose hats that shade your child's face, neck and ears.

- Apply Sunscreen every day on skin that is not protected by clothing or a hat. Choose a sunscreen with a high Sun Protection Factor (SPF) such as Aruba Aloe's Waterproof SPF 30 sunscreen for maximum protection. For babies and children under 2 years old, make sure to use a special sunscreen that gives extra protection for the sensitive skin such as "Waterproof Babies SPF 30" from Aruba Aloe. Remember to reapply after swimming, sweating or toweling dry if you use a sun-

screen that is not waterproof.

- Use sunscreen even on hazy or overcast days.

- Keep an extra bottle of sunscreen in the car.

- Pack a bottle of sunscreen in your child's bag.

- Use Sunglasses that block UV rays and protect the eyes and the surrounding tender skin.



- Play in the Shade. The sun's rays are generally strongest from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. If your children are outdoors, make sure their skin is protected.

- Teach your children the shadow rule. When outside, if your shadow is shorter than you are, it means that the sun is high in the sky and the UV rays are most intense.

- Protect children younger than 6 months of age with clothing and keep them in the shade.

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## SPORTS

## Tennis: Djokovic faces nervous wait after loss to Tipsarevic



Janko Tipsarevic of Serbia returns against Novak Djokovic of Serbia during their group A singles match in the round robin stage on day six of the ATP World Tour Finals.

LONDON (AFP) - Novak Djokovic faces a nervous wait to discover if his season has come to a disappointing end at the ATP World Tour Finals after the world number one lost 3-6, 6-3, 6-3 to Janko Tipsarevic on Friday.

Djokovic has lost two of his three Group A matches in the season finale at London's O2 Arena, but he will still qualify for the semi-finals if David Ferrer beats Berdych in Friday's late match, while a

Berdych victory would eliminate the Serb.

After a magnificent season that brought Djokovic three Grand Slam titles, five Masters crowns and top spot in the world rankings, the 24-year-old has finally run out of steam this week.

He arrived in London on an incredible run of 69 wins from 73 matches, but that record has been slightly tarnished by two successive defeats here.

Djokovic's lacklustre loss

against Ferrer on Wednesday had taken his tournament fate out of his hands and his season could be over after he allowed a one-set lead to disappear against fellow Serb Tipsarevic.

"I just don't have that freshness in my mind for the matches. The will to win is gone, just being on the court, giving 100 percent. I'm not able to do that now because I just have very little left.

Tipsarevic added: "There were a lot of ups and down from both Novak and me, but I am very happy to be here after starting this year at 49 in the world.

"I generally do not like to play my fellow countrymen, but even during the match I felt proud just to see the two Serbia flags in the O2 Arena."

It could have been so different after a bright start from Djokovic earned him a break in the fourth game of the first set.

Tipsarevic, called into the tournament as a replacement for the injured Andy Murray, knows Djokovic's game better than most after spending hundreds of hours on the practice court with his compatriot.

But the world number nine, already out of contention for the semi-finals after losing to Berdych, still could not find a way to stop Djokovic cruising through the rest of the set.

However, Djokovic admitted after the Ferrer defeat that he was not operating at 100 per cent after such a long season and his stamina reserves reached breaking point as Tipsarevic won a 12-minute game to open the second set.

Tipsarevic took advantage of Djokovic's slump with a break for a 4-2 lead when the world number one rashly attempted a drop-shot that flopped into the net.

Djokovic replied with a break of his own, but Tipsarevic was growing in confidence as his compatriot's energy drained away and he broke again to clinch the set.

Tipsarevic took complete control in the opening game of the final set with a sublime angled volley to secure the decisive break.

Djokovic, clearly running on fumes, never threatened to mount a comeback and Tipsarevic put him out of his misery with another break to wrap up his first ever win over his old friend.

## O'Hara takes one-stroke lead in South Africa

(AFP) - Scotsman Steven O'Hara held a one-stroke lead in the South African Open on Friday with a bogey free four-under-par second round of 68.

O'Hara, joint overnight leader in the one-million-euro championship, is on 11-under par with South Africa's double former champion Retief Goosen sharing second place with Merrick Bremner at the Serengeti Golf and Wildlife Estate.

"I have played really well, my whole game feels in good shape. I need a good finish to keep my card on the European Tour, a top three or four finish so I've put myself in a good position to do that," said O'Hara. "I'm just going to go out and keep doing what I've been doing. Keep trusting my swing and if I've got a position to win on Sunday, then brilliant."

The Scot shot one birdie in the first nine and then in the 11th, 16th and 17th holes.

"The wind was getting really blustery and it was difficult to get the right club," he

added.

Goosen ended the day with a 68 with five birdies placing him within striking distance of top spot on the leaderboard.

"Any time I'm one shot off the lead going into the weekend it's great," said last year's runner-up.

Bremner shot birdies on the 14th, 15th and 18th to share second spot also with 68.

Jbe Kruger who shared the lead on Thursday, closed day two in shared fourth position with a 71, and defending champion Ernie Els carded a second 69.

Last year's edition went down to the wire between Els and Goosen, with Els holding off a four-birdie Goosen comeback on the last five to win by a single stroke at the Durban Country Club.

It was the Johannesburg native's fifth victory in the tournament.

Morning leader Lyle Rowe who carded 66 ended the day in joint third with Garth Mulroy.

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Ray Rice #27 of the Baltimore Ravens is tackled by Donte Whitner #31 of the San Francisco 49ers during the first half at M&T Bank Stadium on November 24.

The holiday weekend also kicked off with two other Thanksgiving games, including the Dallas Cowboys 20-19 win over the Miami Dolphins.

Dan Bailey booted a 28-yard field goal as time ran out, giving the Cowboys their fourth-straight win and sole possession of first place in the NFC East.

In the late game, the Baltimore Ravens coach John Harbaugh may have earned bragging rights but he also played the role of a proud big brother after he topped Jim Harbaugh and the San Francisco 49ers 16-6 in the first NFL game featuring brothers as opposing head coaches.

John, 49, and Jim, 47, have had so much success as football coaches that it was just a matter of time before their sibling rivalry hit the national stage.

The Ravens handed San Francisco just their second loss of the season and snapped the 49ers' eight-game winning streak.

"To the 49ers and to my brother, I can't tell you enough how proud I am of him and the job he's done building that football team," John said of Jim. "That's a football team. The way they're built, it's pretty hard to figure out a way to beat them."

The bulk of this week's NFL games are set for Sunday.

Tied with three other teams for the AFC's best record, the New England Patriots will face their toughest foe on the remainder of the schedule when they visit Philadelphia on Sunday.

After the Eagles, New England plays the Colts, Redskins, Broncos, Dolphins and Bills.

"I think that we need to play really well, certainly better than we've played the last few weeks," quarterback Tom Brady said.

"There are a lot of people on our team and our offense that have really taken the challenge that our coaches have given us and are going to go out there and try to play our best. I think we need to do that."

On Sunday, it's Denver at San Diego, Chicago at Oakland, Pittsburgh at Kansas City, Houston at Jacksonville, Minnesota at Atlanta, Carolina at Indianapolis, Buffalo at the New York Jets, Cleveland at Cincinnati, Tampa Bay at Tennessee, Washington at Seattle, and Arizona at St. Louis.

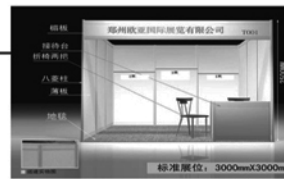
The Monday night game features the New York Giants at New Orleans.

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## Suh's stamp yet to be reviewed



DETROIT (AFP) - The apparent stamp on an opposing player that got Lions lineman Ndamukong Suh ejected from a game on Thursday will be reviewed by the NFL next week, a league spokesman said Friday.

Suh was thrown out in the third quarter of the Lions' 27-15 loss to unbeaten Green Bay in one of the games on the NFL's Thanksgiving Day holiday slate.

The league said the contest was part of the week 12 schedule, so any review for disciplinary purposes will take place after the bulk of the week's games are concluded at the weekend.

Television replays appeared to show Suh stamping

on the arm of Packers lineman Evan Dietrich-Smith.

The two had been in a heap on the turf after Dietrich-Smith's block brought Suh down.

Suh could also be seen in replays pushing Dietrich-Smith's helmet down before the Lions player was shoved off his opponent.

The oft-penalized Suh apologized to his teammates, coaches and "true fans" on Thursday night for "allowing the refs to have an opportunity to take me out of this game".

However, he said he didn't purposely stamp on Dietrich-Smith, but was just trying to free himself from the tangled bunch of players.

"My intention was not to kick anybody, as I did not, removing myself," he said. "I was on top of a guy, being pulled down, and trying to get up off the ground - and why you see me pushing his helmet

down, because I'm trying to remove myself from the situation, and as I'm getting up, I'm getting pushed, so I'm getting myself on balance."

Suh has been a key contributor to the Lions' strong start to the season but his rough style of play has brought him a string of fines.

Earlier in November Suh met with NFL commissioner Roger Goodell, at the players' own request, to discuss the penalties and fines he has received.

He said he came away from that meeting with "a better understanding of how I need to continue to play the game to help my team win."

The NFL meted out fines on Friday to San Francisco safety Dashon Goldson and Arizona receiver Early Doucet for their scuffle in a game last Sunday.

Goldson was fined \$25,000 for punching Doucet.

Doucet was fined \$10,000 for unnecessary roughness in blindsiding Goldson and slapping him on the back of the helmet, which sparked their exchange of punches.

Denver rookie linebacker Von Miller was fined \$25,000 for roughing the passer for hitting Jets signal-caller Mark Sanchez in the chest with his helmet.

Seattle safety Kam Chancellor was fined \$40,000 for unnecessary roughness against Rams tight end Lance Kendricks.

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The contest, the second-oldest national championship after the British Open, turns 101 this year.

Notably absent from the tournament are locals and Major winners Louis Oosthuizen and Charl Schwartzel, who are at the Omega Mission Hills World Cup in China.

The par-72 course on the outskirts of Johannesburg, called the Masai Mara, opened in 2009 with its signature hole number eight a par-five with an island green.

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## Packers remain perfect, sibling rivalry heats up



Running back John Kuhn #30 of the Green Bay Packers dives in for a one-yard touchdown run in the third quarter against the Detroit Lions during the Thanksgiving Day game at Ford Field.

DETROIT (AFP) - Green Bay remained undefeated and moved to 11-0 for the first time in club history, beating Detroit 27-15 in one of three American Thanksgiving Day games on Thursday.

"In the second half, we started running some regular offense and just kind of got things going," Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers said.

Green Bay further solidified their lead on the NFC

North as they now have a four-game cushion over the Lions (7-4) and a 3 1/2-game lead over Chicago.

Rodgers tossed two touchdown passes for the defending Super Bowl champion Packers who built a big lead in the third quarter. Green Bay has also won a team record 17 consecutive games dating back to last season.

Rodgers was 22 of 32 for 307 yards with two touchdown passes. He had a three-

yard pass to Greg Jennings with 4:51 left in the second quarter to make it 7-0 and a 65-yard pass to James Jones in the third for a 21-0 lead.

Detroit dropped to 7-4 as they lost a franchise-record eighth consecutive Thanksgiving Day contest.

The Lions got on the board when Keiland Williams ran for a 16-yard touchdown with just over 13 minutes left. They added a two-point conversion pass from quarterback Matthew Stafford to Titus Young. The Lions also scored with 11 seconds left in the fourth but the game was out of reach by

that point.

Stafford was 32 of 45 for 276 yards with the touchdown in the final seconds. He also had three interceptions, getting picked off by Charles Woodson, Clay Matthews and Robert Francois.

The New England Patriots won 18 consecutive games during the 2007 season but lost to the New York Giants in the Super Bowl.

The Indianapolis Colts and New Orleans Saints were the last teams to start a season 11-0, pulling off the feat two years ago.

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